

INVESTIGATIVE

Division



431 Positions
\$40,246,979 Budget

INVESTIGATIVE Operations

The Investigative Division is the largest division of the GBI and is primarily responsible for assisting the nearly 800 local law enforcement agencies in the investigation of crimes committed in Georgia. The deputy director for investigations supervises the division with a command staff of three inspectors.

REGIONAL Offices

Special agents assigned to the 15 regional investigative offices regularly assist local law enforcement and district attorneys with the investigation of major crimes, such as homicide, child abuse, rape, armed robbery, theft

and drug enforcement.

Consistent with recent years, the Investigative Division has placed its greatest concentration of resources on the investigation of violent crimes against persons.

Regional Office Locator

- Region 1, Calhoun
- Region 2, Greenville
- Region 3, Americus
- Region 4, Douglas
- Region 5, Statesboro
- Region 6, Milledgeville
- Region 7, Thomson
- Region 8, Gainesville
- Region 9, Thomasville
- Region 10, Conyers
- Region 11, Athens
- Region 12, Eastman
- Region 13, Perry
- Region 14, Kingsland
- Region 15, Sylvester

Command Staff



Kent E. Wilson
Deputy Director



Robert Hardin
Inspector



Don Robertson
Inspector



Lee Sweat
Inspector

FY'02: Investigative Hours Expended

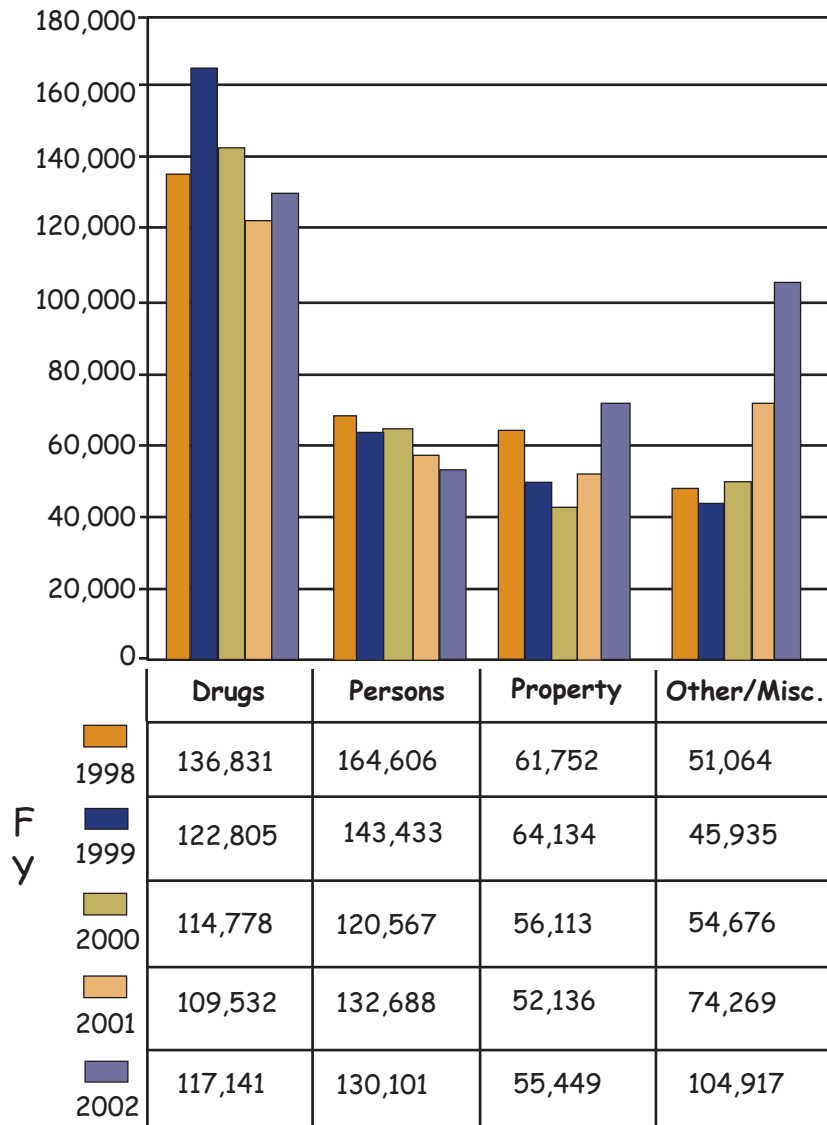
Crimes Against Persons

Death Investigations.....	54,330
Child Abuse.....	27,742
Fugitive Arrests.....	13,356
Terroristic Acts.....	9,033
Sex Crimes.....	7,022
Robbery.....	4,149
Crime Analysis.....	1,222
Kidnapping.....	713

Property Crimes

Theft.....	40,270
Burglary.....	6,037
Forgery.....	5,554
Arson.....	1,923
Vehicle Theft.....	1,440
Criminal Damage.....	225

FY'98-FY'02: Investigative Hours Expended



DRUG — Enforcement

Three GBI regional drug enforcement offices along with the High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA), the State Drug Task Force and 12 other GBI supervised multi-jurisdictional task forces work to combat illegal drug activity throughout Georgia. Personnel in these offices often work in conjunction with other state, local and federal law enforcement agencies.

REGIONAL DRUG OFFICES

The GBI's drug enforcement efforts are led by three regional drug enforcement offices (RDEOs) located in Gainesville, Savannah and Macon. The offices oversee drug investigations in 79 counties. The drug-related investigative activity generated during FY'02 in the three regional drug enforcement offices, 15 regional investigative offices, by the Governor's Task Force on Drug Suppression, and by the State Drug Task Force is depicted as follows:

- Seized \$31,638,142 in contraband
- Initiated 1,051 drug investigations
- Expended 117,141 agent hours.

DRUG TASK FORCES

The GBI participates in 14 multi-jurisdictional task force (MJTF) programs focused on drug enforcement. These work units include traditional drug task force programs, the State Drug Task Force, and the High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Task Force located in Atlanta. Drug task forces are staffed by a total of 164 sworn officers/agents and 43 administrative/support staff employees.

During FY'02, MJTFs:

- Initiated 4,040 investigations
- Arrested 2,618 offenders
- Made drug seizures valuing \$28,125,860
- Recovered \$1,950,490 worth of contraband and stolen property
- Asset forfeitures are valued at \$593,961.

Drug Enforcement

Gainesville RDEO
Macon RDEO
Savannah RDEO

State Drug Task Force
Governor's Task Force
on Drug Suppression
High-Intensity Drug
Trafficking Area
D.A.R.E. Unit

Appalachian MJTF
Altamaha MJTF
Cherokee Multi-Agency
Narcotics Squad
East Central Georgia
DTF
West Georgia MJTF
Pataula MJTF
South Georgia DTF
Haralson-Paulding DTF
Tri-Circuit MJTF
Ocmulgee MJTF
Oconee Dublin MJTF
Piedmont-Northern

Metro Fugitive Squad
Middle Georgia Fugitive
Squad
Juvenile Crimes Unit

GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE

The Governor's Task Force on Drug Suppression (GTF) is a coordinated effort by personnel from the GBI, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Georgia State Patrol, Georgia Department of Transportation, and the Georgia National Guard.

During FY'02, the task force:

- Conducted 145 marijuana eradication missions in 62 counties of the state
- Arrested 200 suspects
- Seized 56,693 marijuana plants, with a street value of \$136,063,000.

FUGITIVE SQUADS

The Metro Fugitive Squad, located in Atlanta, is supervised by the GBI and is staffed by the Georgia State Patrol, the Georgia Department of Corrections, the Georgia Board of Pardons and Paroles, the Georgia Department of Transportation, the United States Marshal's Service, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the sheriffs' offices of Fayette,

DeKalb and Cobb counties.

The Middle Georgia Fugitive Squad, headquartered in Macon, is supervised by the GBI and also consists of members from local, state and federal agencies. Assigned to the task force are law enforcement from the Georgia State Patrol, the Department of Corrections, the United States Marshal's Service, the Macon Police

Department, and the Bibb, Houston and Monroe county sheriffs' offices.

During FY'02, fugitive units:

- Initiated 2,436 investigations
- Arrested 1,408 fugitives.

The two fugitive programs are staffed by 29 sworn officers and agents and five administrative and support employees.

D. A. R. E. UNIT

The Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Unit is responsible for training all of the D.A.R.E.-certified law enforcement officers in Georgia, as well as presenting the D.A.R.E. curriculum in several schools.

The GBI D.A.R.E. Unit trained 73 officers for certification in FY'02. There are a total of 287 D.A.R.E. officers in Georgia.

The curriculum was presented in 499 schools in 128



school systems to 115,071 students (grade K-12) in the past year.

A special agent with the D.A.R.E. Unit teaches elementary students in Forsyth about the dangers of alcohol and drug use.

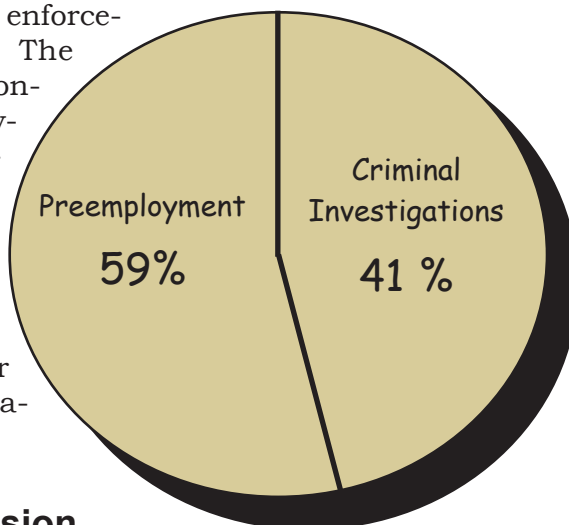
SPECIALIZED Units

The GBI specialized work units play vital roles in the daily operations of the Investigative Division. The units support other GBI offices and local criminal justice agencies in specialized areas of expertise.

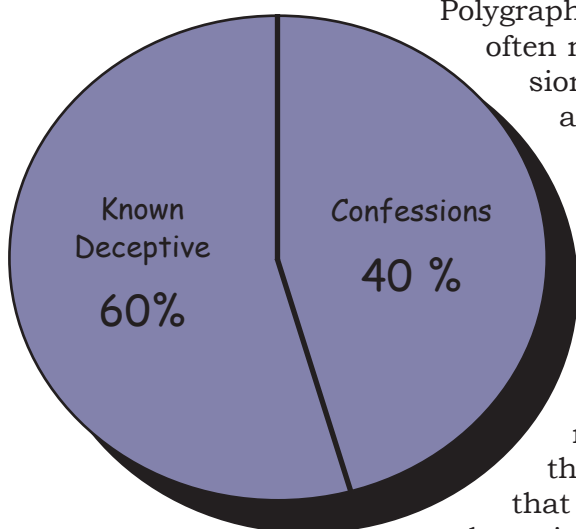
POLYGRAPH UNIT

The GBI Polygraph Unit provides criminal justice pre-employment polygraph examinations and criminal examinations for GBI work units and other Georgia law enforcement agencies. The Polygraph Unit conducted 3,900 polygraph examinations in FY'02 - 59 percent of those tests were preemployment exams and 41 percent exams for criminal investigations.

FY'02: Breakdown of Polygraph Exams



FY'02: Confession Rate/Deception



Polygraph examinations often result in confessions by suspects who are being tested for their participation in commissions of specific crimes. In FY'02, GBI polygraphers received confessions in 40 percent of the examinations where there was indication that the subject was deceptive.

Specialized Work Units

Crime Analysis Unit (CAU)
 Crime Scene Specialists (CSS)
 Behavioral Sciences Section (Profiling)
 Financial Investigations Unit (FIU)
 State Health Care Fraud Control Unit (SHCFCU)
 Special Operations Unit (SOU)
 Bomb Disposal Unit (BDU)
 Technical Services Team
 Intelligence Unit
 Training Unit
 Polygraph Unit
 Accreditation
 Investigative Staff Services
 Communication Center

STATE HEALTH CARE FRAUD CONTROL UNIT

The State Health Care Fraud Control Unit (SHCFCU) is staffed with prosecutors from the Department of Law; auditors from the Department of Audits; special financial investigators, special agents and criminal intelligence analysts from the GBI; and requisite support staff. The unit's function is to identify, arrest and prosecute providers of health care services who defraud the

Medicaid program.

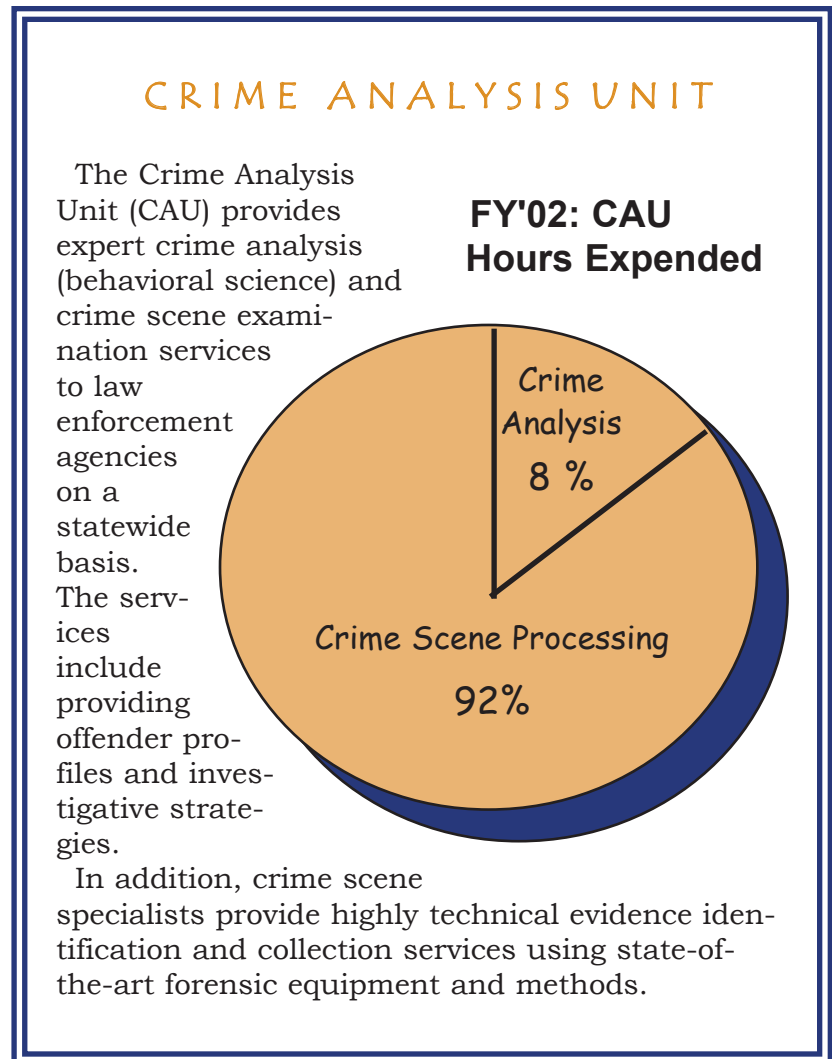
In addition, the unit is tasked with investigating allegations of abuse and neglect involving patients who are cared for in Medicaid-funded health care facilities such as nursing homes. SHCFCU currently is being expanded to address the sharp increase in the number of patient abuse investigations experienced during FY'01.

FINANCIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

The Financial Investigations Unit (FIU) provides financial investigative support and forensic computer and computer crime support to other GBI work units and criminal justice agencies throughout Georgia.

Because FIU is primarily an investigative support unit, its statistics relating to arrests, stolen and recovered property, and seized contraband are often reported by other GBI work units. Therefore, the statistics are not reported by FIU even though FIU personnel contributed significantly to the resolve of cases. The unit routinely assist in conducting major corruption cases, which often involve public officials. It also conducts evidence retrieval/processing services involving computers that are believed to contain evidence related to various crimes.

FIU initiated more than 160 cases during FY'02 and continues to lead the state by developing strategies and expertise to combat computer crimes.



The GBI views computer-oriented crimes as a rapidly emerging and highly technical area of law enforcement that will require significant growth in resources and capabili-

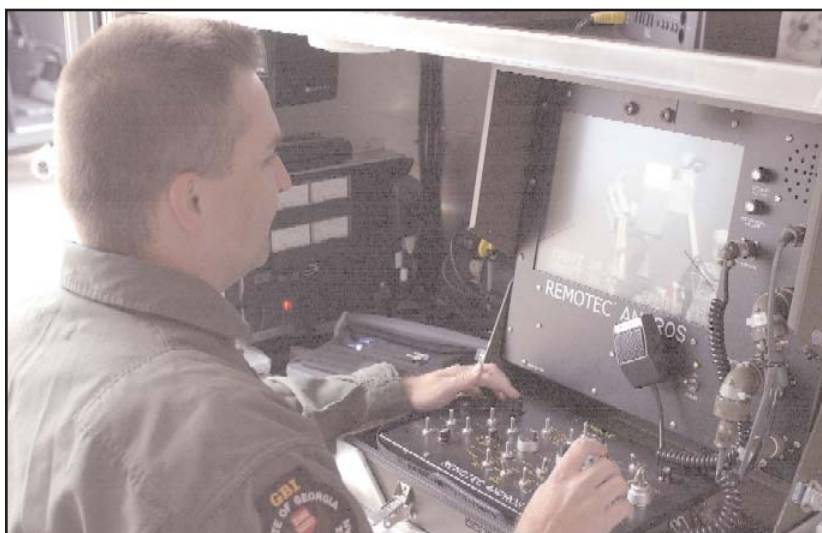
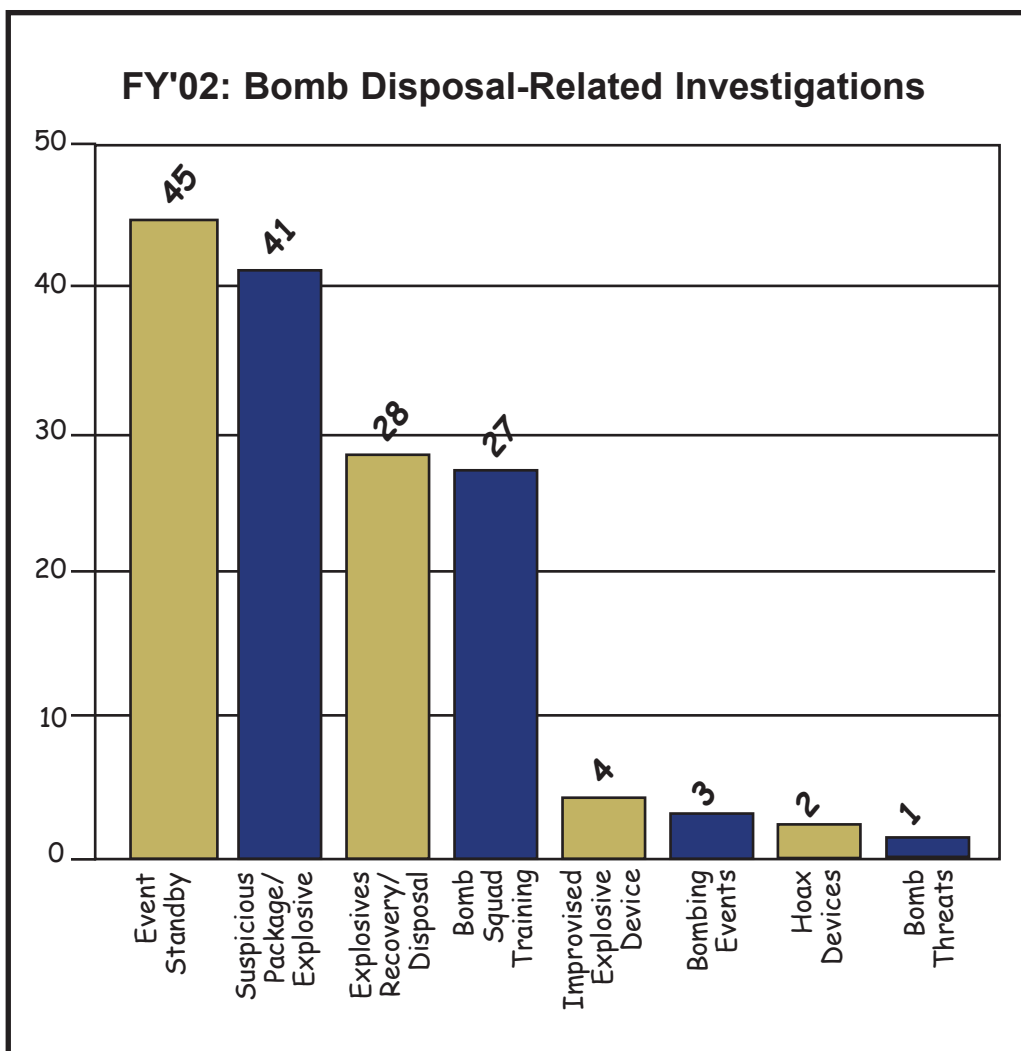
ties. FIU is uniquely positioned to lead this effort and to develop additional resources aimed at combating these crimes.

BOMB DISPOSAL TEAM

The Bomb Disposal Unit (BDU) provides state-wide assistance in performing render-safe procedures on explosive devices, chemicals and other volatile substances. The BDU opened 176 cases in FY'02.

The GBI has four specially equipped bomb vans and four remote robots that are used to examine packages, perform render-safe procedures and probe structures.

The unit is in the process of enhancing its capabilities with an additional four specialized bomb disposal vehicles, increasing the number of response vehicles to eight.



The program also is being expanded to address the growing threat of weapons of mass destruction (WMD). Bomb technicians are certi-

A GBI Bomb Tech operates a bomb robot in search of an explosive device. The robot allows the tech to examine suspicious packages without endangering his life.

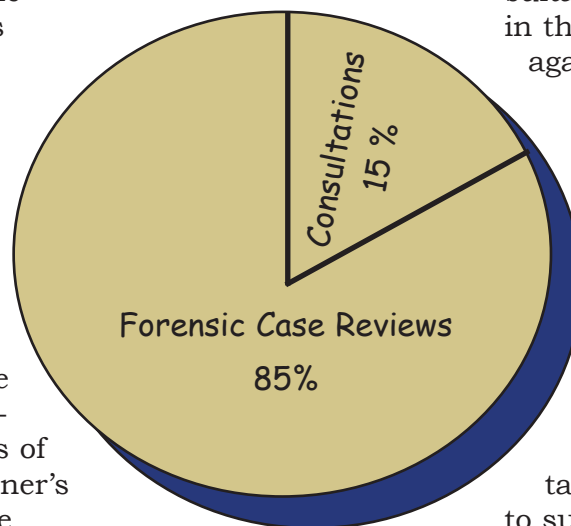
fied to handle bombing situations involving hazardous materials and will expand this capability to address the threat presented by chemical and biological devices. GBI bomb technicians have all ready received basic WMD training at the FBI Hazardous Devices School. The expansion will involve the acquisition of personal protective equipment and render-safe equipment that, when combined with existing training and knowledge, will form a capacity that has not previously existed in Georgia. This will serve as a segment of the National Domestic Preparedness Plan with relation to WMD threats. GBI bomb technicians have all received or are in the process of receiving HAZMAT Technician certification.

CHILD ABUSE INVESTIGATIVE SUPPORT CENTER

The Child Abuse Investigative Support Center was established during August of 2000 to address the needs of the GBI and other agencies involved in child abuse recognition and the investigation of child maltreatment.

The center currently preforms dual functions by providing consultative assistance and on-site training throughout the state. Forensic pathologists, who are members of the GBI Medical Examiner's Office, provide expertise regarding child pattern injury and

FY'02: Child Abuse Investigative Support Center



wound recognition. Criminal investigative analysts affiliated with the GBI's Crime Analysis Unit provide investigative consultations based upon expertise in the analysis of crimes against children.

Members of the center travel regularly throughout the state upon request to furnish instruction and training concerning topics relating to child abuse and neglect. Statistical information regarding child abuse and child deaths in Georgia maintained by the center is used to support future child abuse curricula and programs.

INTELLIGENCE UNIT

The Intelligence Unit serves as an analytical criminal information repository and provides intelligence gathering and dissemination services to agencies throughout Georgia. The unit processed 13,445 requests for intelligence

information, which included 546 background checks at the request of the Governor's Office and 913 standard background checks during FY02. The GBI's forensic artist is assigned to this unit and during FY'02 worked with

victims and investigators in gathering information to depict 164 composite drawings of criminal suspects and produced seven three-dimensional reconstructions depicting the likeness of unidentified persons based on skeletal remains.

ACCREDITATION UNIT

In November of 1998, the GBI was awarded its initial accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), becoming the first and only state law enforcement agency in Georgia to achieve national accreditation.

In August of 2001, the GBI went through its first re-accreditation on-site and was found to be in compliance with all 304 CALEA standards that are applicable by function to the GBI. As a result of this on-site visit, the GBI was re-accredited in November of 2001.

The GBI will seek re-

accreditation in 2004. In the interim, the GBI will continue to demonstrate professionalism and excellence in law enforcement by adhering to policies and procedures that have been validated by the accreditation process.

INVESTIGATIVE Excellence

Every year inspectors with the Investigative Division's command staff nominate investigations to be considered for the prestigious GBI Director's Award for Investigative Excellence.

The GBI Regional Investigative Office in Calhoun is this year's recipient of the prestigious GBI Director's Award for Investigative Excellence. The office was named the FY'02 winner for its investigation into allegations of suspicious activity regarding the discovery of human remains on the property of the Tri-State Crematory located in the Noble Community in Walker County.

Over a period of several weeks, 339 human remains were found in various locations, including surface recoveries, mass burials in pits and vaults, and inside buildings. A temporary morgue was set up on-site to assist in collecting and identifying information from the bodies.

Due to the magnitude of the situation, Governor Roy Barnes declared a State of Emergency and the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) became responsible for providing logistical support for the recovery operation and provided machinery, housing, clothing, food, and numerous other expenses as well as personnel.

As the recovery of bodies continued to

take place, case agent Greg Ramey and the entire Calhoun Regional Investigative Office began the coordination of a criminal investigation and identification of the bodies.

The GBI utilized more than 60 personnel from the Investigative Division along with the full resources of the Division of Forensic Sciences and the Medical Examiner's Office. The GBI also coordinated the efforts of numerous personnel from Walker County and other state and federal agencies.

This case continues to require a daily commitment from the regional office in Calhoun and the GBI State Medical Examiner's Office. Further attempts to identify bodies and answer constant questions from family members and attorneys involved in numerous lawsuits are ongoing.